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CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - U.S. CITY AVERAGE, REGION, AND BOSTON METROPOLITAN AREA SEPTEMBER

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS (CPI-U)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			NORTHEAST REGION			BOSTON METRO AREA		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	2 Months Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84 = 100)	181.0	1.5	0.2	189.5	2.4	0.1	199.1	3.3	1.7
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.9	1.3	0.2	179.0	1.5	0.2	185.2	1.3	0.7
HOUSING	181.5	2.3	-0.1	195.4	3.0	-0.4	203.2	5.3	1.7
APPAREL	124.6	-1.7	3.4	126.5	1.9	4.1	142.6	-0.3	9.0
TRANSPORTATION	154.0	-1.0	0.1	153.9	0.1	0.1	150.2	-0.6	-0.1
MEDICAL CARE	287.7	4.6	0.1	305.7	4.7	0.1	385.4	4.4	0.1
RECREATION/1	106.2	1.0	-0.1	107.5	0.7	0.0	106.7	1.5	-0.1
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.5	2.7	0.6	110.2	3.5	0.8	110.1	2.0	3.7
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	297.0	3.2	0.4	317.6	6.9	0.3	314.3	7.9	6.9

URBAN WAGE EARNERS AND CLERICAL WORKERS (CPI-W)

	U.S. CITY AVERAGE			NORTHEAST REGION			BOSTON METRO AREA		
		Percent change from			Percent change from			Percent change from	
		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	1 Month Ago		1 Year Ago	2 Months Ago
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	177.0	1.3	0.2	186.2	2.4	0.3	197.7	3.0	1.9
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	176.2	1.3	0.2	178.1	1.3	0.2	183.8	1.5	0.7
HOUSING	177.0	2.2	0.1	191.3	2.9	-0.1	201.6	4.7	1.7
APPAREL	123.5	-1.7	3.3	124.4	1.5	4.3	147.2	0.5	8.2
TRANSPORTATION	153.1	-1.3	0.1	154.4	0.4	0.1	153.2	-1.1	0.1
MEDICAL CARE	286.7	4.7	0.1	301.7	4.5	0.1	375.7	4.7	0.1
RECREATION/1	104.4	0.6	-0.3	106.2	0.3	-0.1	107.6	1.1	-0.2
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION/1	109.1	2.4	0.5	109.4	3.1	0.7	108.7	1.6	3.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	307.8	4.2	0.6	339.3	9.2	0.3	345.3	10.5	10.5

Notes:

- (1) December 1997 = 100 base
(-) Data not available

INFORMATION:

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The CPI for US City Avg. & the Northeast Region for Oct. will be issued on Nov. 19, 2002.
The CPI for Boston for November will be issued on December 17, 2002.